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Hi Mitch. Thanks for the great call today! Really enjoyed talking with you and look forward to our follow up next week. In the meantime:

1. I'm copying Bill Gibbons to inquire as to whether he can get you the full report from Ray Kelly. As I mentioned, Mayor Strickland chose to focus on implementing 3 key recommendations: a) increased gang unit officers and gang intelligence; b) strengthening the weekly TRAC meetings to get them on par with NYPD quality; c) supporting implementation of the Group Violence Intervention initiative (GVI).
2. On that last point, I'm forwarding a link to info on the Group Violence Intervention Initiative description at the John Jay College National Network for Safe Communities web site. <https://nnscommunities.org/our-work/strategy/group-violence-intervention> . I believe I mentioned that our DA, Amy Weirich, is quarterbacking the implementation of a pilot here in Memphis, in partnership with MPD and others.
3. [Here's a link to MPD's recruiting page](#) for the BluePath program I was talking about, that leverages TN Promise funding to pay for community college while providing an accelerated career pathway for graduating high school seniors to become employed with MPD, get an associate's degree in criminal justice at no cost to the participant or City of Memphis, and become sworn officers. There's not any information yet on the TN Reconnect, which will be similar opportunity for adults that I mentioned.

Thanks for the helpful information about all the work you'll be doing with MPD staffing and training academy – very excited to hear your recommendations when they're ready. I'll give you a call early next week to discuss the agenda for the meeting with the private sector group on Feb 20th.

Have a great weekend!

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